



EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION

Illinois State Council

COUNTERSHOCK

◆ Spring 2005 ◆

Editor's Note

Hope you like the new look of the newsletter. Please consult the web site for up-to-date information at www.illinoisENA.org. If a meeting needs to be canceled, please check the website for the most current information.

President's Message

By Evelyn Lyons

Well, 2005 is already off and running! I'm looking forward to the next two years as your president. I am very proud of our Illinois State Council, which is comprised of an incredible amount of talent and leadership. We have a hardworking board, which includes Cheryl Vinikoor (President-Elect), Barbara Weintraub (Past President), Sharon Chesney (Treasurer), Merri Lazenby (Secretary), Rebecca Steinmann (Director) and Penny Hurley (Director).

We also have several committees working diligently to meet the needs of emergency nurses within our state. Some of these committees are actively involved in providing you with quality educational programs.

The Spring Symposium Committee coordinates the annual symposium and is co-chaired by Cheryl Vinikoor and Penny Hurley. Be sure to plan on attending this year's symposium on Friday, April 29th, which features a number of great speakers and presentations (Check the symposium agenda on our website at www.illinoisena.org.) Also don't forget to attend our complimentary networking dinner the evening before the symposium on Thursday, April 28th.

Also on the forefront of educational activities, is our Education Committee chaired by Karen Hamick, which sponsors the Trauma, Emergency Severity

Index System (ESI), Emergency Nursing Basics and Emergency Nursing Review courses, among others.

The Pediatrics/ENPC Committee is co-chaired by Mary Otting and Claudia Kirschner. It focuses on pediatric issues and provides oversight to the ENPC course, while Jan Gillespie chairs the Trauma Committee, which coordinates the conduction of TNCC and CATN courses.

A Leadership Workshop for ED Nurse Leaders has been successfully held the past 2 years and is now an annual event. Barb Weintraub is chairing the planning committee for the 2005 workshop.

This year our membership has grown to over 1000 members. This is due to all of you, as well as to the great work of the Membership Committee, which is chaired by Merri Lazenby. We also have an Injury Prevention/Government Affairs Committee, chaired by Thelma Kuska, which focuses on injury prevention and legislative initiatives.

For those with a research interest, Vicki Keough chairs the Evidence-Based/Research Committee, which fosters research among Illinois ENA nurses by offering assistance and support for research activities, and also invites research posters for display at the spring symposium.

Julie Bracken, who produces and edits the Countershock Newsletter handles sharing information with all of you. Our webpage is another great source of information and is maintained by Kathleen Richmond who chairs the Webpage/Archives Committee.

Additionally, we have several individuals who keep our board current on special interest topics, including Paula Tanabe (Triage), Annie Moy (Emergency Medical Services - EMS),

Darcy Egging (ENA Foundation - ENAF) and Barb Weintraub (Illinois Nurse Volunteer Emergency Needs Team - INVENT). And, to ensure we have a voice in national proceedings, Julie D'Agostino and Debbie Smith coordinate Illinois ENA delegates for the Annual National ENA Meeting every fall.

As you can see, we have a great team. But we also need YOUR involvement. We need to ensure we are addressing issues of interest and concern to you. Having fresh perspectives and new voices at our council and committee meetings can lend to our discussions and provide valuable contributions to our organization. I'd like to encourage each of you to consider joining one of our committees or plan to attend one of our quarterly State Council Meetings. The council meetings are a great way to learn about national and local ENA happenings as well as to network with your peers and share/discuss current issues and challenges. State Council Meetings are always scheduled from 9am - 1pm and include an educational session. Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- Saturday, August 13th at Northwest Community Hospital, Arlington Heights; and
- Saturday, November 5th (location pending).

I'd like to hear from you regarding any ideas, concerns or questions you may have. Your feedback and recommendations are always welcome. Feel free to give me a call at 708-327-2556 or send me an email at elyons@lumc.edu.

Thanks for your ongoing efforts and the commitment you show to your patients and to emergency nursing. ◆◆◆

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Leslee Stein-Spencer

A Class Act in the History of Illinois EMS - EMS Pioneer



By Annie Moy and Connie Mattera

Former Chief of EMS and Highway Safety

Leslee Stein-Spencer recently resigned as Chief of the Illinois Department of Public Health Division of Emergency Medical Services and Highway Safety. She held the position for 18 years and was instrumental in placing Illinois in the forefront of EMS systems across the nation. She is a trusted and valued public servant and always exhibited continuous dedication and commitment to improving Emergency Medical Service for all the citizens and visitors to the state of Illinois.

RN Contributions

The majority of her nursing career was devoted to community health and the education and training of the various providers in both the prehospital and hospital setting. She was the RN voice at many of the forums she attended and is responsible for the genesis of the prehospital RN status and the evolution of the Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) to the Emergency Communications Registered Nurse (ECRN) role. She was always a strong supporter and advocate of the Illinois Trauma Nurse Specialist Program that prepared

nurses to provide skilled care to severely injured patients. The state of Illinois is proud of the continued nurse involvement in prehospital and emergency care, as there are many states where nurse involvement in the prehospital arena is negligible to non-existent.

Disaster Involvement

Leslee understood the need to review and update the Illinois State Medical Disaster Plan even before the advent of 9-11. She began to prepare for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical incidents in 1997 by bringing the Dept. of the Army's NBC Domestic Preparedness train-the-trainer program to Chicago.

She provided key leadership in making sure all EMS Systems and agencies were prepared for mass casualties. On 9-11, she activated the bed availability component of the State Medical Disaster Plan to prepare for receiving possible victims.

The first major communications drill testing the updated state plan was conducted in December 2001 and followed by a full report of the findings.

In 2002 she was involved in the creation and establishment of Illinois Mobile Emergency Response Teams (IMERT) teams.

In 2003 she led the planning and helped to facilitate the Federal TopOff drill.

Emergency Medical Services for Children Program

In 1998, she was involved in the introduction of the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program in Illinois as a federal grant program and expanded IDPH EMS staff to include a coordinator of the Emergency Medical Services for Children program. Since 1998, 100 hospitals within Illinois

(including two hospitals in Iowa) received recognition by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program for having the essential resources and capabilities in place to meet the emergency and critical care needs of seriously ill and injured children.

Trauma Center Development

She provided leadership and oversight to the adoption of the Illinois Trauma Center Code (1986), promulgation of the initial Rules and Regulations, and designation of the first Level I, Level II and Affiliate Trauma Centers. She facilitated several upgrades to the Illinois Trauma Registry. In 2002, she convened the first trauma stakeholders meeting that identified issues important to state hospitals and EMS agencies with respect to trauma care and provided a work plan to accomplish the desired goals.

Leadership

Her willingness to listen to all sides of an argument and work to reach mutually agreeable solutions was a key element of our State's success in developing model EMS, Trauma, and Disaster preparedness programs. Her boundless energy and enthusiasm in pursuit of excellence is unrivaled. Leslee is a rare individual who has integrity and a strong work ethic. Under her leadership many new innovations were brought to Illinois. We would like to thank her for her contributions and applaud her for all her efforts. It was a privilege to work with her as a colleague and friend.

We wish her all the best in her future endeavors! ❖❖❖

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Chairperson, Vicki Keough:
vkeough@luc.edu or 708-216-3582.

Trauma Committee

By Jan Gillipsie

The Trauma Committee completed a TNCC-Provider course in Kankakee, IL and a TNCC-Instructor course in Naperville, IL. The TNCC-Instructor course for April 28 created a lot of interest. Please call Jan Gillespie at 708-327-3715 or e-mail jgilles@lumc.edu for more information.

Education Committee

By Marcia R Crawford

The Education Committee of the Illinois Chapter of ENA is busy planning a year of "New and Improved" seminars for emergency room nurses across the state!

In April, a new seminar called "REAL Life in the ER" is in the works. The target audience for this seminar is nursing students, new and recent graduate nurses. It is a humorous look at what really happens in the Emergency Room. The objective is to encourage new nurses to step out of their "comfort zone and recognize the Emergency Department is not the scary place they may think it is. It is going to be a fast paced, humorous seminar, kind of like the ER!

The ENA Education Committee is collaborating with the Pediatric Committee to present a joint sponsored seminar. The details are being worked out with more information coming. Watch for brochures.

November 18th is a date to save for the annual Trauma Seminar. It is going to be Current Trends in Trauma" with a look at disasters, both natural and man-made, from the nursing perspective. Given recent events, this timely seminar will have great information and perspective from people who participated in the relief and recovery efforts of disasters around the world.

The Education Committee is always looking for energetic people who want to join us. If you are interested, please contact our chairperson, Karen Hamick at karenhamick@sbcglobal.net.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE SEEKING MEMBERS!

You don't have to be a "computer geek" to join the newly designated Web Site Committee.

Chairperson Kathleen Richmond has been coordinating the Council's web site (www.illinoisENA.org) for the past five years, and is asking members with an interest in internet communication to join her in keeping our web site relevant to the membership. The current site was designed almost 10 years ago, and may be ready for a new "look". The committee will also address the need for online services, such as registration for continuing education. Email Kathleen (RichmondK8@aol.com) to volunteer for the committee. Your feedback on the web site is important, even if you aren't able to join the committee. Let us hear from you!

INVENT Update

By Barb Weintraub

For those of you who have wondered where INVENT has gone, it's...right where it's always been! Due to a large number of personnel turnovers at IDPH, we've been working hard to restructure the program and rewrite the grant so it is less personnel dependent. The great news is...we've done it! The grant administrator will become a paid position in the very near future, working out of the ICEP offices along with the IMERT administrator.

Stay tuned to both the Illinois ENA and INVENT websites (www.IllinoisENA.org and www.INVENT.org) for information on this great opportunity! For questions, contact Barb Weintraub at barbrn1@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER NURSES NEEDED FOR A MEDICAL TEAM

By Evelyn Lyons

Get involved with a fantastic event! The Breast Cancer 3-Days is a series of sixty-mile walks, which raise millions of dollars for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the National

Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund. These foundations support cutting edge research, breast cancer prevention and treatment programs. There are twelve 3-Day events happening across the United States during summer 2005.

The Chicago Breast Cancer 3-Day is scheduled September 16 - 18, 2005.

Each 3-Day is supported by a 100 person all volunteer Medical and Sports Medicine team which provides medical assistance and support for the walkers. This team is composed of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, EMT's, physical therapists, athletic trainers, and chiropractors and works closely with a staff Medical Manager and Crew Coordinator that provide guidelines, training and other pertinent information regarding volunteer responsibilities.

To find out more and register to join the Medical Crew, contact 800-996-3DAY or go online to www.the3day.org.

❖❖❖ ENA Code of Ethics for Emergency Nurses

1. *The Emergency Nurse provides care with compassion and respect for human dignity and the uniqueness of the individual.*
2. *The Emergency Nurse maintains competence within, and accountability for, emergency nursing practice.*
3. *The Emergency Nurse acts to protect the individual when health care and safety are threatened by the incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of any person.*
4. *The Emergency Nurse exercises sound judgment in accepting responsibility, delegating, and seeking consultation.*
5. *The Emergency Nurse respects the individuals right to privacy and confidentiality.*
6. *The Emergency Nurse continues to study, implement, and promote scientific knowledge.*
7. *The Emergency Nurse collaborates with other health professionals and the public in meeting community and national health needs.*

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ENA SCHOLARSHIP TO SCIENTIFIC ASSEMBLY IN NASHVILLE

By Julie Bracken

Again this year Illinois State Council ENA wants to support the membership by offering a scholarship to attend National Scientific Assembly in Nashville, TN September 16 - 18, 2005.

To apply for the scholarship you must be an Illinois State Council ENA member and submit written response to the following criteria:

- Have you attended an Annual Meeting in the past?
- Describe your contributions/activities in your community or institution for each of the following areas: Clinical practice, education, research/quality improvement and leadership/management.
- Describe your involvement in ENA.
- Explain how your attendance at this meeting will enhance your professional growth.
- Explain your plans for sharing the information acquired from the Assembly (who, where, how).

Points are awarded for the above criteria. All applications must be post-marked by July 1, 2005 and are evaluated by an objective team prior to the Annual Meeting.

Mail applications to:

Rebecca Steinmann
275 Indiana Street
Elmhurst, IL 60126

If questions call, (773) 975-8764 or rsteinmann@childrensmemorial.org

National Update

By Polly Zimmermann

Project Hope. Starting in January 2005, ENA collaborated with Project Hope to send volunteer ENA nurses to Southeast Asia in response to the tsunami disaster. Of the around 200 nurses that volunteered, 12 were selected to participate in two different 30-day tours of duty. As of February 23rd, a total of \$22,746 had been pledged by ENA members and corporate sponsors to help defray lost wages experienced by the ENA nurses participating in the initiative. In a tele-conference meeting, the board voted to

disperse the money among these nurses. We are all proud of our membership's generous response to this need!

Books are usually revised and updates every 4-5 years. The last revision of the ENA Core Curriculum was 1999. We are in the process of now confirming an editor and the new edition is expected to be ready in about 2 years.

The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) asked ENA President Patti Kunz Howard to be one of the speakers at their planned summer Washington DC Media Event. The purpose is to bring attention to emergency care key issues, such as quality of care, overcrowding, and patient safety.

As part of my role as ENA liaison to the ACEP Clinical Practice Committee, I am working on the subcommittee studying JCAHO requirements for pain assessment and treatment. I welcome anyone's thoughts on this topic. ENA also has an assigned staff member to monitor JCAHO developments so ENA can give timely ongoing input as new issues and requirements arise.

A strategic planning weekend was held in January. Chosen future goals focus on developing clinical standards, expanding continuing education/courses, expanding information resources, and promoting the development the next generation of ENA's leadership. We are on a timeline for these to be fleshed out into specific initiatives, budgets, and action plans through the rest of 2005. The future looks exciting!

Research Committee

By Vicki Keough

The New BUZZWord: Evidence Based Practice

Evidence Based Practice - is this a passing fad? Is it possible that if I close my eyes, real tight this too shall pass? The answer is a resounding NO. Even if I tap my ruby red slippers three times? NO. Evidence Based Practice (EBP) is here to stay and will be the future for all emergency nurses and in reality, for nurses in any area. Evidence Based Practice gives us the research to either support or dismiss our most basic practice principles. For example, the ABCs of trauma resuscitation were designed from a review of

several well-done research publications that demonstrated first, there were many unnecessary deaths from disorganized trauma care and secondly, an organized, disciplined approach to trauma care saves lives. Makes sense, most of us practicing before the era of organized trauma centers could have told you that, but more importantly practice changed because there were well-designed research studies that supported the now standard ABC approach to trauma care. Another example of using evidence to support practice is the addition of the 5th vital sign, "PAIN". This addition to the traditional vital sign came from another series of studies that revealed a fact most of us suspected, pain was not evaluated, treated or re-assessed adequately anywhere throughout the health care process. Thanks to EBP, pain is now given top billing in the assessment, re-assessment and discharge columns.

The Illinois ENA Research Committee is starting a new campaign to enhance the use of EBP in all EDs. There is a four-fold approach in place to achieve this:

1. Several EBP information sessions will be held to help those interested individuals get started on EBP projects in their hospitals (please go to www.illinoisENA.com for updated list of information sessions and locations).
2. There will be a campaign to call for EBP proposals and award monetary stipends for selected projects.
3. Selected posters will be displayed at the Annual Spring Symposium showcasing EBP in the Illinois area (see call for posters below).
4. Selected oral presentations will be highlighted at the Annual Spring Symposium by ENA nurses who have implemented EBP projects. At this Spring Symposium, Darcy Egging and V. Keough will discuss how to use EBP to guide practice and demonstrate how this strategy was used to develop a newly implemented "Croup Protocol".

If you would like further information about the Illinois ENA Research Committee or would like to join the committee, please call or e-mail the

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Events

April 28

Illinois ENA Networking Dinner
Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook.
Contact Cheryl Vinikoor
847-870-0793

September 16 - 18

National ENA Scientific Assembly
Nashville, TN.
Contact National ENA at 800-900-9659.

State Council Meetings

August 12

Northwest Community Hospital
Arlington Heights
Contact Evelyn Lyons at 708-327-2556
or elyons@lumc.edu

November 5 • TBA

Contact Evelyn Lyons at 708-327-2556
or elyons@lumc.edu

Other Committee Meetings

October 11

Illinois Council Budget Meeting
Northwest Community Hospital
Arlington Heights.
Contact Sharon Chesney at
630-681-0773 or schesney@nch.org

Educational Opportunities

April 29

Spring Symposium
Oakbrook Marriott, Oak Brook.
Contact Cheryl Vinakoor at
847-870-0793 or cvinikoor@comcast.net

May 2&3 • ENPC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

June 28 & 29 • ENPC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

August 8 & 9 • ENPC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

August 2 & 3 • TNCC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

August 26 & 31 • TNCC

Northwest Community Hospital,
Arlington Heights.
Contact Sharon Chesney at

847-618-4063 or schesney@nch.org

October 17 & 18 • TNCC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

October 25 & November 3 • ENPC

Northwest Community Hospital
Arlington Heights.
Contact Barb Weintraub at 847-618-5432
or bweintraub@nch.org

November 4 & 7 • ENPC

Childrens Memorial Hospital, Chicago.
Contact Mary Otting at 773-539-7281 or
motting@childrensmemorail.org

November 18

Current Trends in Trauma • TBA
Contact Karen Hamik at 847-381-5342
or karenhamik@sbcglobal.net

Announcements

Sharon Schultz resigned her position as President of Illinois State Council and moved to San Diego to accept a position as Director in an Emergency Department. Good Luck Sharon!

ARCHIVES CORNER

By Kathleen Richmond

ENA Celebrates 35 Years in 2005!

How many of us have a copy of the first issue of JEN from 1975? How many of us have the sterling silver roadrunner pin from the "good old days"? Anita Dorr and Judith Kelleher founded our specialty nursing organization EDNA, as it was initially named, in 1970. I was an ER nurse at the time, working night shift with moonlighting residents who left at 5:30 a.m. to get to their day job. Our day shift physician didn't come in until 8:00 a.m., so we had no doctor for a couple of hours. There was no specialty of Emergency Medicine; there was no EMS; there were no paramedics! Most rural emergency rooms had the local family doctor "on-call" if they received a patient! Oh, the stories we "old-timers" can tell! And often do when we get together!

Our Illinois State Chapter was chartered in October 1975, after its first organizational meeting in June 1974, in Joliet. Our first newsletter was mailed out to "Members and Friends - Illinois E.D.N.A." in July 1976. I had joined

EDNA in 1973, and became a self-appointed archivist after many years of collecting (a nice term for pack-ratting) my personal EDNA/ENA items. I became the official archivist for Illinois Council 10 years ago, and will begin the major project of digitizing our collection of important memorabilia this year. I believe we can't know where we're going, unless we know where we've been. It is vital to the organization to preserve items of historical significance, in order to remember "where we've been".

Please take the time this anniversary year to reflect on the history of ENA and its importance to emergency nurses and the patients served. Your membership in ENA is confirmation of your professional commitment to the future of our dynamic organization. ❖❖❖

Board Meeting Highlights

By Merri Lasenby

Due to inclement weather the January State Council Meeting was canceled out of concern for the safety of the membership. The board however met February 19th to resolve issues that could not wait until the April State Council Meeting. Below are the highlights from the meeting:

- We developed a communication plan if future board/state council meetings are canceled on a last minute basis. In the future there will be a phone number highlighted on the website for each member to call by 6:00 a.m. the morning of the meeting to confirm whether or not the meeting is canceled.

- We are in the process of developing a plan for returned checks and non-payment issues for Illinois State Council events and courses. The board unanimously adopted the following motions:

- Payment is expected at the door for education events. If the hospital has not paid then the registrant must pay the fees before entering the course.

- The Illinois State Council ENA would keep a list of people who have NSF checks or outstanding balances. If a person on the list appears at an Illinois State Council offering, then payment of the outstanding balance (including NSF fees) before entering the program will be requested or admission is refused. If a person submits pre-registration to an offering and has an outstanding balance,

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they will be informed that we are unable to confirm their registration until the balance is paid in full (including any NSF fees).

- Barb Weintraub agreed to serve and lead Illinois State Council for another term filling the Past-President vacancy for 2006 created when our President Sharon Schultz moved to California in 2004. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and strong leader!

- We are already working on the 2005 ED Nurse Leadership Workshop. For those of you who attended the 2004 workshop at Hamburger University last November, we hope you enjoyed and benefited from the program and are planning to attend again this year.

- The spring symposium is just around the corner and the committee is working hard to make this the best year ever. Mark your calendars, the 2005 Spring Symposium is April 29th!

Illinois ENA State Council Meeting Minutes

Highlights from August 14, 2004

By Sharon Graunke

Jennifer Albert presented an educational offering entitled "Evidence based practice - Intimate Partner Violence: Screening and Reporting".

Board and Committee Reports:

President - Sharon Schultz

- Manager's leadership workshop - approx. 80 attendees; good reviews
- State Board meeting - strategic plan approved with some changes. Sharon S. will get the revised plan out.

- Sharon announced she would be stepping down as Illinois State president as she is moving to San Diego in December. Evelyn Lyons has agreed to step in one year early.

Past President/INVENT/ Elections - Barb Weintraub

- Only 67 members voted. Results: Penny Hurley - Director; Merri Lazenby - Secretary; Sharon Chesney - Treasurer. President-elect - Evelyn Lyons
- Director and Officers insurance policy is active.

Treasurer - Sharon Chesney

- Some changes to the budget after the budget meeting
- Board and Committee Chair Reimbursement - finalized. Distributed

to council.

- Taxes filed for 2003.

- Need to have speakers complete a W9 form instead of a 1099 form. The form is located on IRS.com.

- 501C3 is a "Not for Profit" - this is different from a "Tax-exempt" status. We are currently applying for tax-exempt status.

Directors - Cheryl Vinikoor

- Want to consider looking at magnets with the ENA logo, webpage information, possibly other information

Education - Cheryl Vinikoor for Karen Hamik

- Decided not to do a pre-session at Spring Symposium

Peds/ ENPC - Mary Otting

- February 2, 2005 - deadline for ENPC Instructors to re-verify

Membership - Merri Lazenby

- As of October - 1007 members
- Cards and letters don't seem to be working, but has some ideas for future meetings

- New membership campaign letters will go out next year.

Injury Prevention/ Government Affairs - Thelma Kuska

- Alcohol Screening - American College of Surgeons - all Level I and II Trauma Centers must do ETOH screening and brief interventions.

- ENA received approx. \$23,000 grant from NHTSA for five ETOH-related studies.

- Tony Buckey - IHA award for ENCARE.

- Bought new computer for ENCARE to use - programs are on CD

- Illinois State Council - Government Affairs received a national award at Scientific Assembly in San Diego for their work on passage of safety belt laws.

Evidence-based practice (Research) - Vicki Keough

- Rita Schlomer resigned from committee, Darcy will join and possibly Thelma

- No proposals last year

- Want to do classes/workshops on evidence-based practice and applying for grants, etc.

Spring Symposium - Cheryl Vinikoor and Penny Hurley

- April 28 & 29, 2005

- Putting brochure together - still need to confirm 3 slots

- Save the Date cards should go out in January, brochure out soon after.

- Pre-sessions - ENPC/TNCC Instructors classes, INVENT

- Early bird - will keep it. Kept prices the same.

Trauma -Jan Gillespie

- Had a successful Instructor class - students still need to verify by teaching

- TNCC Instructor course - pre-session for Spring Symposium

- National ENA won't put anything on their website until you pay for the course.

Newsletter - Julie Bracken

- Some long delivery times for the newsletter

- Two newsletters for next year - Spring and Fall

- Looking at moving the printing of the newsletter up here.

- Please send submissions to Julie.

Website/ Archives - Kathleen Richmond

- Will start scanning/burning CDs for archiving

- Webpage is now an official Committee - looking for members

EMS - Annie Moy

- Many personnel changes at IDPH
- National initiative for titles/levels

Scope of Practice - trying to remove EMT-I, proposed new title - Advanced Paramedic Provider - has redundancy and possible practice confusion - sounds like a PA description.

- Can look at the document and comment at www.emscopeofpractice.org

- ECRN class - state is looking at standardizing class

- IDPH diversion website - not meant to replace the normal reporting mechanism. It is an addition.

- Medicare ambulance fee schedule in a phasing period. In 2006 - Emergency Departments won't be able to charge patient for equipment used on EMS runs - hospital can only charge provider.

Nominations - Barb Weintraub

- Need to have President-elect - we can either select an interim or wait for a special election.

- Cheryl Vinikoor will fill that position on an interim basis - Thanks

EMSC - Evelyn Lyons

- Greg Scott is the Acting Chief

INVENT - Barb Weintraub

- Some things on hold due to IDPH changes

- Amount of work overwhelming for Barb - try to fund a position out of ICEP headquarters 3 days a week using ENA grant money. Still working out the logistics.

Triage - Paula Tanabe

- ACEP/ENA group recommends EDs use a valid 5-level triage system. They did not choose one over another. Manuscript will be in the JEN probably in February.

- Trying to get evidenced-based review of the systems.

- ESI - There will be a version 4 - only 2 changes - Level 1 criteria will be broadened and peds fever criteria will reflect ACEP guidelines.

- Waiting on training manuals - should be available next year. ENA will not publish the book. Training video - HRQ funded original research - 2-DVD set featuring 8 cases with actors and 15 cases with ED RNs. Federal Government project.

- ESI algorithm is copyrighted to the ESI group. It is OK to use as long as you have the training materials.

Officer Induction and thank-you to:

- Current Board members and Chairs
- Secretary - Merri Lazenby
- Director - Penny Hurley
- Treasurer - Sharon Chesney
- Interim President-elect - Cheryl Vinikoor

- President - Evelyn Lyons

Membership Raffle

- Member - Becca Steinmann
- CEN - Evelyn Clark-Kula
- First-timer - Paulette McGuire



CALL FOR CANDIDATES

The following positions are open for Illinois State Council. If you are interested please submit a letter of intent with a brief statement declaring position sought and why, history of ENA involvement and a resume or CV by July 1, 2005 to:

Barbara Weintraub
646 Naples Court
Glenview, IL 60025
W: (847) 618-5432
FX: (847) 699-4474
EM home: barbrn1@comcast.net
EM work: bweintraub@nch.org

President-Elect

Qualifications

Current national association member
Current Illinois RN licensure
Demonstrated active participation in ENA
Responsibilities:

- Learns the role of the President.
- Performs any duties assigned by the

President.

- Collaborates with the President in development of charges to the Board of Directors and Chairs.

- Recommends Committee Chairs for the upcoming year.

- Assists the Board of Directors in preparation and approval of the state budget.

- Assumes the duties of President in the event the President is unable.

- Attends Board and Council meetings.

- Represents Illinois State Council ENA at the State Leadership meeting.

- Represents Illinois State Council as a delegate at the National Annual meeting.

Term of office:

Serves a term of 2 years as President - Elect, two years as President and two years as Past-President.

Treasurer-Elect

Qualifications

Current national association member
Current Illinois RN licensure
Demonstrated active participation in ENA
Responsibilities:

- Works with the treasurer to learn the role of state Treasurer

- Performs duties as assigned by the President or Treasurer

- Collaborates with the Treasurer in the development of the budget

- Assists the Board in approval of the state budget

- Assumes duties of treasurer in the event the Treasurer is unable

- Attends Board and Council meetings

- Acts as a liaison to assigned committees/SIGs

Term of office:

Serves a term of three years, one year as Treasurer-Elect and two years as Treasurer.

Director

Qualifications:

Current national association member
Current Illinois RN licensure
Demonstrated active participation in ENA
Responsibilities:

- Assist with council business and coordinates activities of the council.

- Liaison to committees as assigned by the president. Continued communication with committee chairs and meeting atten-

dance to serve as a resource person.

- Attends all board and council meetings.

- Coordinates selection of a member for scholarship to national assembly yearly.

- Supports the president and board in implementing the strategic plan.

- Coordinates printing of the yearly pocket calendar.

Term of office:

Serves a term of two calendar years.

CALL FOR DELEGATES

ENA General Assembly

The National meeting for ENA is held in Nashville, TN. The General Assembly is September 14-15 and the Scientific Assembly is September 16 -18, 2005. Delegates from Illinois are needed to help

frame the future of the National Organization. A stipend is available to help offset the additional expense for delegates.

Delegates are selected by the following point system. Please submit your points by July 1, 2005 to:

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Points are earned as follows:

5 Points - local officer, local committee chair, national committee member, national SIG member, faculty for ENA educational activities, newsletter contributor, attended annual meeting, attended local or SIG meeting.

10 Points - national board member, national committee chair, state committee member, chair national SIG, state SIG member, program planning of ENA educational activities, attended state meeting, CEN certification, interorganization interaction (INA, SNAPi, NEMSCA, etc.), Lobby Day participant, active involvement in the legislative process.

15 Points - State board member, state committee chair, chair state SIG, newsletter editorial activities, published emergency nursing article, conducted research related to emergency nursing, consulting activities related to emergency nursing.